

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

A public recreational area, about three acres in size, is located at the corner of Wakefield and Glenn Streets. The park provides such facilities as: picnic area, children's swings, sheltered areas, outdoor barbecue, and tennis courts. Adjacent to the recreational area, on a one acre plot, is a privately owned swimming pool. These two sites form the entirety of Zebulon's recreational facilities and they are primarily for the use of the white population.

A plot of land, measuring 150' X 200' (less than three quarters of an acre), has been set aside for recreational purposes by the non-white. However, this tiny lot has not been developed for such purposes. The non-whites of the community can thus correctly claim that at present there are no public recreational facilities for their use. The school grounds and neighborhood vacant lots, or worse still, the streets accommodate their outdoor recreational needs.

Guided by the very conservative rule-of-thumb standard of one acre of recreational land per one hundred fifty (150) persons, it is estimated ten acres of public recreational land are needed by the community, or six (6) more acres than is currently available.

The additional acreage should be divided between two types of recreational usage: the smaller neighborhood tot lots or playgrounds, up to an acre in size; and the larger community parks, with two acres or more in size. Two or three tot lots are needed throughout the town. Most urgently needed is a combination tot lot and park south of the railroad tracks where some form of amenity is sorely in demand. In the older neighborhood on both sides of the downtown area between Gannon Avenue and the railroad tracks, small playgrounds should also